

COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT


MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY FIRE HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Present: Price, Hawkins, Chapin, Staaland. Absent: Marquesen. Also present: Fire Chief Weeks and City Manager Nicosia
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Approve September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion by Hawkins, second by Chapin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor of the motion.
 - b. Approve Claims and Financial Reports – Nicosia reviewed the financial reports. Chapin made motion to approve claims and financial reports, second by Hawkins. Motion carried with all present voting in favor of the motion.
3. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF
 - a. Fire Chief Report – Chief Weeks presented his report (attached). He noted that the 3 career firefighters started on December 27, 2022. Board reviewed call load.
 - b. Trustee Hawkins asked staff to review liability for the burn building and structure as it is not entirely fenced.
4. ADJOURN – Meeting duly adjourned at 6:33 pm.


Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest:


Board Secretary

Columbia Falls Rural Fire Protection Chief's Report 1/23/2023



1. CFFD currently has 28 firefighters on the roster.
2. The tank on 481 is in and we are in the process of replacing it and doing some rust repairs on 481. We should have it completed within the next couple of weeks.
3. The new career staff is now on board. The first day was 12/27/2022. We hired Brad Peterson, Ryan Smith, and Jade Thomas.
4. We were unsuccessful with both the SAFER grant and the AFG grant. We are in the process of applying for the AFG grant again. It is a county wide grant for new radios.
5. We have formed a committee to get pricing, styles for the Joe Smith Memorial Hall sign at 42. It will hopefully be completed soon.
6. We are hosting another FFI academy at Station 42. It will be from May 15th-26th. 2 CFFD members are attending. The Rural District will be paid \$200.00 per day for 10 days for the use of the training facility.

2022 - 357 calls
Dec - 57 in December